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It was not without feelings of sadness that we had resigned ourselves to parting with our old ivy-covered buildings, and, as soon as we had made up our minds to the change, came the rumor that the new buildings would not be ready to receive us at the beginning of next term, the time specified for the removal.

By many among us this report, if true, will be welcomed with delight, partly from the regret which must be felt when our present quarters are left, and partly from the realization of the fact that, however sumptuous our new home may be, still its grandeur will but scantily compensate for the many inconveniences which a residence so far from the city will necessitate. It is not at all probable that street cars will be run very near to Vernon Street as soon as the new college buildings are ready for occupation, and the prospect of

a walk of more than a mile into the business portion of the city, however conducive to our health it may be, is anything but pleasant to those of us who now love to spend our leisure hours amid the beautiful streets of fair Hartford.

When we entered the mysterious regions of college life, in our happy Freshman days, we used to regard the upper classmen as a species of superior beings, entitled to our utmost deference. But, alas! "*Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis.*" The wholesome barriers between the dignity of the upper classes and the ignorant temerity of unsophisticated Freshmen seem to be gradually disappearing. We believe that the first judgment which is generally pronounced upon almost every new Freshman class is, that it is remarkable for its cheek, and it is no imaginary fancy that the Freshman of to-day surpasses all his predecessors in the possession of that disagreeable feature. Perhaps we are too severe on a class which, as a general thing, ranks very high in College estimation, and which has manifested considerable public spirit in its transactions. It is also due, no doubt, in a great measure to the conduct of some upper classmen, but the fact still stands that the members of those two classes do not merit that respect to which their position fully entitles them.

There are some who seem to think that the bulletin board was invented, and placed upon the chapel wall, for the sole purpose of affording them amusement, and giving them opportunities to display a low kind of wit. The

practice of putting personal notices and vulgar caricatures on the bulletin board should receive no countenance from the students, and the upper classmen are especially called upon to frown down such a scandalous abuse. There are others, again, who exhibit an insane passion for tearing down notices not five minutes after they are posted up. This is bad enough, but for men in their senses to take away the board, as has been frequently done, is unworthy of even a Freshman.

And in this connection we would state that several complaints have come to us of copies of the TABLET having been removed from the reading-room. We earnestly request that this will not be repeated. Our paper is placed, with all mail matter for the students, in a public place, where theft is very easy, and we rely on the honor of the College at large to have numbers removed only by those to whom they are addressed.

We believe that the institution known as the Grand Tribunal was not only a good one, but was an organization needed in College. It has been abused in its past history; what institution of the kind has not? It is now dead, and has passed away, as many other worthy associations have done before it. It has occasioned much that was foolish, and there have been strange rumors in regard to an objectionable method of initiation, but it seems as though an institution that has existed since 1840, ought not to have been destroyed, while many of a much more trivial character, and later history, are still supported. This breaking up of an old landmark is due to the class of '77, but might they not have done better in reforming, than in throwing it entirely aside? In its pristine strength the G. T., as it is popularly called, was recognized and countenanced by the Faculty of the College, and encouraged to hold trials, and dispose of matters touching upon the traditions and unwritten rules of the students. The kull and cross bones ought still to strike ter-

ror into the heart of many an audacious and impudent under classman.

The college press has treated extensively of the degeneracy of singing in American institutions of learning at the present day. No longer are heard those jovial old glees which thrill the soul as they are sung, and which are cherished as choicest memories of undergraduate life by the older alumni. In our own College the old songs have but recently been given up. We remember how, in our Freshman days, such songs as "Son of a Gambolier," "*Lauriger Horatius*," and "Ruby Lips," were the only ones heard in our halls. Every one seemed perfectly satisfied with the good old tunes, and Trinity bade fair to be the last to give them up.

But times have changed. Snatches from opera-bouffe, and the latest airs from the variety theatres are now on every tongue, hummed with the utmost *nonchalance*, as if the singer had utterly forgotten that he was assisting in the entire disuse of one of the most distinctive marks of undergraduates. We would that this new practice could be done away with, immediately; but, realizing the utter disregard of the present generation of students for all that is consecrated by age, we fear that college singing will never return to what it was a decade ago.

The brilliant mind of a sublunary editor, on the editorial staff of the TABLET last year, conceived the original and witty idea of misrepresenting the Faculty, in a long article entitled College Singing. This article stated that, by a new decree issued by the Faculty, "No singing is allowed on the campus or in the buildings. It is out of order at all times," and was, without further inquiry as to its correctness, most thoughtlessly published. The item was copied into one of the Hartford papers, and soon appeared in the *New York Tribune* and other prominent journals. The error was corrected in a subsequent issue of the TABLET,

but not until it had found its way into the press and college journals, to the great and unnecessary scandal of the College. Notwithstanding, however, a flat denial of the truth of such an assertion, some of our exchanges continually fling at the College the "absurd decree" and "the downright bigotry" of the Faculty. To accuse the Faculty of an edict which they never issued, was either a piece of ignorance or unjustifiable carelessness in the editors. It is easy to circulate a report of this kind, but it is a far harder matter to disabuse people, afterward, of the untrue impressions.

It is something mournfully ludicrous to see how certain students can, in bursts of righteous indignation, and flights of patriotic eloquence, declaim upon the growing dishonesty and corruption of our government, and lament the decay of our national integrity, and then, with the utmost equanimity, pay fifty cents for a Latin Prose, or a dollar for a fine oration. With some, of course, this conduct is no inconsistency, for to them the indignation is assumed, and the declamation, meaningless; but we believe that there are some who, at least, think themselves perfectly sincere in their lofty judgments, but who cannot be brought to look upon dishonesty in college as equally reprehensible.

These men, who in college purchase their honors, or even their degrees, by money or dishonest methods of study, are the very men who will, in after years, furnish similar subjects of scorn and contempt to the coming generation.

We know that, among many students, this nefarious practice has received unusual encouragement and countenance of late, but it is to be believed that the tone of the body of undergraduates is decidedly adverse to it. And yet those who show themselves so utterly unworthy of the privilege, are those who clamor loudest to be put upon honor. It is fair to infer that they mean by this to have

more opportunities of practicing fraud and dishonesty.

The bonfire on the early morn of the twenty-third ult. has excited much conversation in College, from the reckless daring displayed by members of the Freshman class on that occasion. That the detected offenders have been severely punished is acknowledged by all, and that they have been *justly* punished must be acknowledged, as well, by fair-minded judges. It is, of course, no offence at all to build a bonfire upon the campus, the Faculty to the contrary notwithstanding, provided nothing but refuse material is used in its construction; but where the property, not only of the College, but of the neighborhood in general is made use of, the action, even on the part of Freshmen, is highly reprehensible.

We are the last ones to side with the Faculty and city authorities against the harmless amusements and freaks of the students, but, where all the laws of gentlemanliness are transgressed as ruthlessly as on the occasion above mentioned, we cannot uphold those who acted in this manner. It is no slight offence to deliberately steal the gates, posts, and even fences of our sleeping neighbors, though it be done in thoughtlessness, and the wholesale depredations committed during the bonfire can bear no other name than stealing. We most heartily sanction almost all so-called scrapes of students, but let even our follies be characterized with the spirit of gentlemanly honor.

A few years ago Trinity could boast of an Athletic Association, that looked after the gymnasium, gave an annual athletic exhibition, and, every spring, talked about offering prizes, and getting up a contest in out-door sports. At the present time the Association exists only in name, if at all, the gymnasium is neglected, no exhibition has been given since '77 were Freshmen, and none but an

occasional TABLET editor ever mentions the subject of out-door sports. This forms another instance of the lack of public spirit that can be so plainly seen among the students. All seem to be forgetting their College, and thinking only of their own present enjoyment. Three or four years back, the various College institutions, such as the ball and boat clubs, and the Athletic Association, were well supported, and did credit to the College, but now they are shamefully neglected by all. This should not be. The students should take more interest in general College matters, and, especially, by supporting such organizations as the three above named, which are of so much use in favoring the cultivation of manly vigor. Let the remaining members of the old Athletic Association get to work, then, and try to arouse some enthusiasm in regard to it. It would be very little trouble for them, and it might do a great deal of good. If a series of out-door contests, consisting of running, walking, throwing, &c., were arranged for, the result would probably show us men of sufficient powers to do us credit in the inter-collegiate contests. Ours is about the only College that has not belonged to the Rowing Association, and has never been represented in the athletic contests; and, if we send a crew to New London this year, it would be well to send some athletes also.

Like many more of our institutions, both old and new, the Chess Club seems to have fallen entirely into oblivion. Not very long ago it was in full activity, and the members occupied all their spare time in the pursuit of this interesting amusement. The club seemed to be started under favorable circumstances, and was thought to be a most happy idea. A very beautiful and expensive silver medal, made by Tiffany & Co., was presented by the founder, and was intended to be held by the winner of the greatest number of games, till he was himself beaten by another. Since the arrival of the medal, however, nothing

more has been heard of the club—an interesting result for public-spirited individuals. It was without doubt a good thing, and ought to be kept up.

AN ODE TO LOVE.

ADAPTED FROM THE ANTIGONE.

O Love, my Muse, with Cupid's aid,
Has left her cool Pierian shade,
To sing thy wond'rous power.
Invincible in war and peace,
To all from cares a sweet surcease,
When clouds no longer lower.

Lo! darting from Parnassus' height,
The poor and rich both yield thy might,
And seek thy trysting bower.
In velvet cheeks of maidens fair,
Thou lov'st to linger, and from there,
To seize th'ungarded hour.

Thy course is long; thy path is seen
Through wat'ry wastes and pastures green.
Let mortal men, as subjects ought,
Then, pay due homage at thy court,
For Venus' sceptre e'er shall rule,
And make of man a love-sick fool.

W.

IS THE FACULTY RIGHT?

The last two numbers of the TABLET have contained articles denouncing in strong terms certain late actions of the Faculty, and the position assumed by that body towards the students over whom they are placed. As those articles have been severely criticized by some ill-informed readers, as being written hastily, and by offenders who were still suffering the stings of merited punishment, we, who have not offended or suffered, and who have allowed our blood to cool sufficiently, desire to add a very few words to what has already been, as we claim, *justly* said.

In the first place, have the Faculty a *right* to impose the restrictions and requirements which have lately been laid upon the College, and, secondly, if they have the right, *ought* they to make use of it, as they have lately done?

The first question we will not enter into at any length, as it is too general, and, perhaps,

too complicated to discuss to advantage. Our worthy preceptors claim that they are *in loco parentis*, and, in that capacity, they claim that their sovereignty over us knows no limit. In answer to this, we can only say that such a position, if held by them, is a self-assumed one, and that their assumption of that position in such particulars as may prove advantageous to them, and their evasion of all the disabilities which attend a parent, are sufficient to show the real weakness of the ground which they claim to hold.

But we will waive this first point, and pass on to the discussion of the policy and advisability of the Faculty exercising these rights, upon the supposition that they possess them. No doubt they felt that, in lately passing certain rules, they were fulfilling the ends for which they were placed in power, and conferring upon the students the benefits for which they came to college. But what are these ends, and for what does the student go to college? A college is an institution for educating and instructing young men, and we grant this education and instruction should extend to the student's personal deportment, as well as to the mere training of his mind. In this respect a college is like an infant school, both aiming at these two objects. But the standard upon which the training is carried on in these two institutions must be far different.

Young men go to college after arriving at years of discretion, and after having received the benefit of home discipline and culture. And so, when a college faculty says to them that they cannot sing at night, that they must go straight into chapel without a moment's hesitation on the campus, and that they must submit to other equally silly and childish rules, we think there is time for complaint. The regulation at the South School in this city, by which none of the young scholars can enter the street till the bell rings is far more sensible than some of our own rules of order.

The chief end of a college education is

mental training, and just as soon as a Faculty attempts to correct and control a student's personal deportment so far outside of the college sphere, they wander from their line of duty and mistake their calling, to the injury of themselves and of the institution over which they are placed.

"They are as sick that surfeit with too much, as they that starve with nothing." And when rules that would become an infant school are forced upon full-grown men, the result will be resistance and complaint. The students of Trinity are grateful to the Faculty for the many benefits which they receive. But when absurd and foolish rules are passed, and Professors, in their enforcement of such rules, compromise and lower their dignity, they must expect to be denounced and ridiculed, as the Trinity College Faculty are to-day justly treated by the students and the public.

ALUMNUS.

LENTEN MUSIC.

Every year does Lent come round, bringing, with its other trials and privations, the customary Lenten music, which is followed by the customary pun and article in the TABLET. As a matter of penance, and as a part of our Lenten reading, do we take in, and brood over, the wise thoughts of the usual contribution. The reader of the article invariably gets the idea that the singing, at this particular period, is none of the best, in fact, that it is very bad. The idea is a correct one; the Lenten music is poor. It is so for one or two good reasons: first, penitential psalms are sung instead of the usual canticles, and the students, as a rule, do not take the trouble to look these up in the Prayer Book, nor will they learn the divisions, but drag along in an unsteady sort of way, waiting to catch the words from somebody else. As a result, we hear a noise, but no music. But their acquaintance with the *Amen*, and their knowledge of what a difficult thing it is to hang on to the last two notes of a chant, make the

students rally and come out strong on this particular part, afterwards sitting down, satisfied that they have mastered a chorus fully as complicated as Handel's *Hallelujah*.

Another cause of poor singing lies in the fact that the chants, in order to suit the psalms, are more or less doleful and blue. No man feels like joining in on a melancholy chant just after eating a hearty breakfast, followed by a hasty run to chapel, nor, in the afternoon, on being released from the awful bondage of the class-room, is he inclined to work off the sadness of his heart by drawling through a Gregorian, but he prefers something jolly, the *Grand Chant* for instance. So here, perhaps, are the reasons of the usually poor Lenten music: penitential psalms, which few of the students know, and the bluest minor chants. But it is a matter of great congratulation, and one in which all the students ought to join, that the singing, so far this Lent, has been of the best kind. The uniformly good time, and the even blending of the voices, show that, whether we have more good voices in College or not, and whether or not the chants are a trifle better than formerly, the students are realizing the fact that all good chorus singing can only be obtained from a feeling of unity among the singers themselves, and that the success of the chorus does not depend upon the undue prominence of each particular voice. As a result, we hear less howling, better time, and better tune. octo.

THE COLLEGE LIBRARY.

If the books in the College library were all novels, the present plan of keeping it open for a few hours on Saturday morning, and allowing each student to take out two books, might perhaps answer, for one does not generally care to read more than two novels a week; but this is not the case. The books are for the most part works of reference, and so but a small number of the students care to take them out and read them through. It

very often happens, however, that one wishes to look up some particular point that demands immediate attention, and it might put him to a great deal of inconvenience to be obliged to wait till Saturday. The opening of the library on Wednesday afternoons (of course it is useless to suggest oftener), would obviate this difficulty, and be of advantage in many ways. Some who want books may for various reasons be prevented from taking them out during the prescribed time, and so will be obliged to wait for a week to get them. Then, too, there are many who lack either the time or inclination to read a book through, but like to spend a few hours now and then in culling over the various authors, and picking out bits here and there; and so to these the change would be agreeable. Our library, from various recent donations, is beginning to assume fair proportions, and has many good features, and so it deserves much more attention from the students than it now receives. If it were open oftener, this would be the case, and students would make use of it instead of the city libraries.

Another improvement would be to place the leading magazines and reviews in the library, as they are published. This was one of the objects for which the College reading-room was started, but unless the system is changed upon which that much-neglected institution is managed, it is useless to think of seeing anything in it but a few newspapers. We all like to see the magazines though, and if the Faculty would follow the above suggestions, taxing the students if necessary to the amount of the subscriptions, they would doubtless receive the thanks of all.

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

JUNIOR APPOINTMENTS.

The Junior standing was announced on Monday, March 5. The following men will be admitted to the Phi Beta Kappa: John Dows Hills, Burlington, N. J.; John Williams, Norwalk, Ct.; George Herbert Moffett,

Williamsburg, N. Y.; George Sumner Chipman, Burlington, N. J.; William Viall Chapin, Wickford, R. I.

THE BOAT CLUB.

The remnants of the University Crew are still training, with the hope that something may yet be accomplished in the boating line. The following are their names: E. D. Appleton, A. W. Burroughs, W. L. Crosby, F. P. Wilcox. The Hartfords lately proposed having a race or two, when the season is more advanced, and if the requisite money can be raised in time, several very interesting races may be gotten up.

THE BALL CLUB.

The following eleven men were chosen not long ago, to practice daily in the gymnasium, and from these the University Nine will be selected: S. G. Hewitt, J. E. Kurtz, W. E. Rogers, R. M. Campbell, W. N. Elbert, F. W. White, H. S. Martindale, B. Stark, Jr., F. L. Wilcox, R. Barclay, and W. J. Rodgers. There is fine material here, and we may expect to have as good a nine as last year.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE PRIZE VERSION DECLAMATIONS.

The following are the names of those who are to take part in the Prize Version Declamations, in May next: *Seniors*, E. M. Scudder, and C. C. Edmunds, Jr. *Juniors*, G. S. Chipman, (Being prize man last year, Mr. C. will speak this year, *honoris causa*, without being a competitor for the prize,) J. D. Hills, and G. H. Moffett. *Sophomores*, A. Harding, and M. K. Bailey. The selections, taken from Latin authors, are to be handed to Prof. Holbrooke by the 2d of May.

CLASS ELECTION.

At a meeting of the Freshman Class, held Saturday, Feb. 3d, the following officers were elected for the present term:—*President*, R. H. Nelson; *Vice President*, F. R. Curtis; *Secretary*, S. Stone; *Treasurer*, L. A. Lanpher.

The following committees were appointed: ON CLASS CANE, F. R. Curtis, S. Stone, and Beach; ON CLASS CUT, M. Stone, Miller and Barclay; ON CLASS MOTTO, George, Williams, and Rodgers; ON CLASS COLOR, G. M. Curtis, Loveridge, and Lanpher.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

It is a noticeable fact, that, for the past two or three years, many old customs, formerly observed in the College, have been allowed to drop. Washington's Birthday, last year, was the first for a long time, on which no College dance was given, and it was only with hard work that two men patriotic enough to accept the appointments of orator and poet could be found. This year, on account of the early arrival of Lent, of course we could have no dance, but for that very reason, if for no other, we ought to have had the literary exercises; yet no one of the Seniors would consent to undertake the task. This was a cause of disappointment to many, who thought that, this being the last year in which we are to occupy the old buildings, once known under the name of Washington, the day should have been celebrated with even more than the usual ceremonies. As usual, the second and third recitations were omitted, and afternoon chapel was voluntary. Preparations were made during the day for the illumination, which takes place but every four years. At half-past eight the windows in the front and sides of the College were one blaze of light, softened, in several of the sections, by transparencies of various colors and devices. During the time of illumination, a display of fire-works added much to the brilliancy of the scene. The campus, although covered with snow and ice, was crowded with people. Later in the evening a bonfire was lighted, and its success induced those who had a hand in it, to make another, when the professors had retired for the night; so a quantity of boards were collected in front of Jarvis Hall, and, at the same time, preparations were made for ringing the chapel

bell. At two A. M. the fire was lighted, and its flames were now and then fed with several neighboring gates and fences, which the patriotic owners willingly (?) gave up. The ringing of the bell was unsuccessful, for the line, not being strong enough, broke at the second pull. But one professor thought it worth while to interfere, and he very unfortunately soiled his coat in attempting to crawl behind some dirty boxes and barrels, where he thought he would be able to see all that was going on, and take notes, without being himself discovered; rather an undignified proceeding for a reverend professor.

PARTICLES.

Scene: Sophomore's room. Soph. busily engaged. Knock at door. Soph. (without looking up): "O, come in, Adams, I know it is you." Door opens, and dignified tutor enters. Total eclipse of Sophomore.—Speaking of eclipses, a Senior says that of the sun in 1868 was *perfectly total*.—Are the Faculty limited as regards their "cuts?"—A Freshman, the other day, asked a swell Senior if he belonged to the fire department. He also inquired as to whether the Freshman year was a good time to get engaged.—Query: Does a pistol bullet so much injure the door of a College room that it must be replaced?—A certain Sophomore astonished one of the professors, a few days ago, by speaking of the *transubstantiation* of the soul.—And so a poor Freshman deserves to be stormed at, if he is caught sitting in a professor's chair! *O tempora! O mores!*—The Freshmen who burned the apology for a board walk that was at last given us, should be taught, among other things, that "one should not cut off his nose to spite his face."—Pay up your TABLET subscriptions. There is \$150. owing to the paper from the students.—The next TABLET will be issued April 7th.—We publish the following as a warning to all susceptible students. Scene: office of City Hotel. Time, 11:30 P. M., March 1st. Junior and Fresh-

man send up cards to "Evangeline" and "Gabriel." Bell-boy shortly returns with this answer: "Miss Weathersby is not in the habit of receiving gentlemen with whom she is unacquainted. However, if the gentlemen really wish to see her, they will, undoubtedly, have an opportunity to do so *at the depot tomorrow morning*." Exeunt students, crest-fallen.

DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The Great American Traveler, Daniel Pratt, has advanced as far west as Evanston, where he gave one of his entertaining lectures, a short time ago.

COLUMBIA.

The university crew has re-elected Mr. Goodwin as captain.

The trustees have decided to give the roll-officer of each class \$25. a term. If no one volunteers to act as roll-officer, they threaten to call the roll at chapel every morning.

DARTMOUTH.

Professor S. C. Bartlett, D. D., of Chicago, the new President, will enter upon his duties the 2nd of April.

The plan of admitting Freshmen on three months' probation has worked better than was expected. Only two or three of those who entered last fall are in danger of being dropped.

MADISON.

Tuition at Madison is only forty-eight dollars. The students have to pay large subscriptions to the library, and for that reason are accorded additional privileges.

The students have been experimenting on the good and evil results of a "bolt." They applied for a holiday on Friday, Feb. 23d, which request was not granted, so they cut.

WESLEYAN.

The forty-fourth annual convention of the Psi Upsilon fraternity will be held this year

with the Wesleyan Chapter, at Middletown. General J. R. Hawley is to deliver the oration, and Professor H. H. Boyeson the poem. Ex-Senator Cole of California, a graduate of Wesleyan, will preside at the literary exercises and the convention supper. There are about sixty members of this fraternity in Hartford.

PRINCETON.

The Trustees, at their last meeting, elected three new Professors. They called Prof. Young, of Dartmouth, to the department of Astronomy, Prof. Orris, of Marietta, to that of Greek, and Prof. Rockwood, of Rutgers, to that of Applied Mathematics. Prof. Rockwood has accepted, and Profs. Orris and Young have the matter under consideration. There is a strong influence at work to retain the latter at Dartmouth.

Princeton has decided not to enter the next inter-collegiate regatta.

HARVARD.

The Freshman crew has left off training, Yale having refused to row a Freshman race this year. They are talking of getting up some extra races.

Owing to the number of strangers who dine at Memorial Hall every day, it has been decided to charge by the meal and not by the week, as heretofore.

The price of rooms at Harvard varies from \$60.00 to \$200.00 a year, the average being \$156.00.

The spring vacation *will* take place this year, despite all contrary reports.—*Advocate*.

Harvard has had a scare. An epidemic of measles threatened them, but it has passed away.

The Faculty are considering the expediency of requiring candidates for admission to translate at sight, in place of stated books of certain authors. This plan, if carried out, will test the candidate's knowledge of the language, do away with "cramming," and elevate the already high standard of "Old Harvard."

MISCELLANEOUS.

Notman has been appointed class photographer at Tufts' College.

There are twenty Chinese students, members of the different New England colleges.

Bowdoin graduates forty men, the largest class that has ever been graduated there.

The University of Pennsylvania has received \$1,621,000. in bequests, etc., during the last eight years. Half of this yields no income.

At a meeting of the joint board of trustees and visitors of the Asbury University, at Indianapolis, it was decided to add a military department.

Women are now admitted to the University of New York, in all departments. They recite by themselves, and pay additional tuition.

PERSONAL.

It is particularly desired that the alumni furnish us with all items of interest that may come to their knowledge concerning every one who has been connected with the College. We would ask their co-operation in making this department what it ought to be—a medium between graduates and their Alma Mater.

GILPIN, '31. John B. Gilpin is still living at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

CLERC, '43. Rev. F. J. Clerc, D. D., has taken charge of the parish at York, Pa.

HORTON, '43. "The Real and the Ideal," a poem delivered before the House of Convocation, in 1866, by the Rev. Dr. Horton, has just been published by its author.

PRESCOTT, '44. Rev. O. S. Prescott's address is corner of 21st and Cherry Streets, Philadelphia.

SISTARE, '47. C. G. Sistare is living at New London, Conn.

BEACH, '48. C. N. Beach is spending the winter at Nice.

BOARDMAN, '54. W. J. Boardman is at Cleveland, Ohio.

CHAPIN, '56. Rev. D. D. Chapin's address is Martinez, Contra Costa Co., Cal.

MALLORY, '58. Rev. G. S. Mallory has moved to New York.

FISCHER, '60. C. L. Fischer may be addressed at 63rd and Callowhill Streets, Philadelphia.

CLARK, '65. E. S. Clark's address is 363 Beacon Street, Boston.

DUNHAM, '66. Rev. F. B. Dunham is rector of Grace Church, Indianapolis.

STANLEY, '68. Rev. George M. Stanley is at Franklin City, Mass.

SWIFT, '69. Rev. Henry Swift was in town last week.

MOWE, '70. W. R. Mowe's name was erroneously given as Moore in the last TABLET. His address is 77 Franklin Street, New York City.

TALBOT, '70. Rev. H. M. Talbot has been studying abroad.

THOMPSON, '72. Rev. S. C. Thompson has taken charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Scranton, Pa.

STEADMAN, '74. T. L. Steadman received the degree of M. D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at its recent commencement. He was also the recipient of the Second Faculty Prize.

WHALEY, '74. P. H. Whaley is now living at Meriden, Conn.

SKINNER, '76. W. C. Skinner is Clerk of the Committee on Railroads, in the New York Assembly, at Albany.

TULLIDGE, '76. E. K. Tullidge recently spent a few days in town.

HAGAR, '79. W. C. Hagar has returned to College, slightly improved in Health.

CHAPMAN, '80. T. B. Chapman has left College, and is going into business.

In connection with this department we are glad to state that the old Alumni Association of the College, in New York City, has been revived.

EXCHANGES.

Since our last issue we have added the *Colby Echo*, *Golden Sheaf*, *High School*, and *Neoterian* to our exchange list. We reserve criticism.

The *Boston University Beacon* comes "chuck full" of news. In fact, it seems to get about all the interesting news into its columns, and to put it in an agreeable, entertaining manner. It has also a pleasing, inviting appearance.

The *Tripod* has a very sensible article on class spirit, which we read with a great deal of interest. Would that we could say the same of the rest of the paper, but, as we are a strictly impartial critic, we cannot.

The *University Magazine* is, as a general thing, a very good publication, but, like all human beings, editors of college papers are apt to stray from the best path. So it is with the editors of the *Magazine*. They have, for a time, fallen from their usual excellency, and we hope to see them soon recover the lost position, and advance even higher.

The *Madisonensis* comes from Hamilton, N. Y., and is as dry a specimen of a college paper as we have met with lately. Perhaps that is their idea of what a paper should be, but we thank our lucky stars, if we ever had any, that we do not dwell in that benighted region. It seems to us that the paper in question has been in existence long enough to have found out, by this time, that the paper which has the most news is the most popular.

A statement was published some time ago in the *New York World*, and has been extensively copied in the various college papers, that Trinity had received \$20,000 from the will of the late Daniel Goodwin. We had heard nothing of it, so we inquired carefully into the matter, and found it partially true. The College received \$2,000, and was made residuary legatee of the estate, which may increase the amount, but, as there is a law-suit, we cannot be positive.

The *Acta Columbiana* comes this month as lively and spicy as ever. There is something in its neat appearance which seems to invite perusal. With the February number it began a new department, entirely devoted to the Law School. The "Current Literature" contains a criticism on Harold, which, by the way, seems a favorite theme with a good many of our exchanges. We heartily agree with the *Acta* in thinking that all information in regard to the place and time of publication, and board of editors, should be placed in the beginning of a paper, so as to introduce it, as it were. We have tried both ways, and have found this the best and most satisfactory.

The *Chronicle* comes to us from the University of Michigan, and is a very readable paper. It does not go off into the regions of deepest thought, but confines itself to those things for which a college paper ought to be started and carried on, namely, the transmission of college news, to show the outer world what is going on in the college world, as well as for the discussion of topics connected with student life, and what is likely to prove interesting to students. The number which lies before us seems to be a very ably edited paper, showing skill and careful labor.

The *Nassau Literary Magazine* is before us, and we would very gladly give it that careful reading which it so well deserves, but press of other work, and a desire to hurry on to unexplored regions, prevent us. The articles are, as a general thing, well and carefully written, and, out of so many excellent ones, it is rather hard to select any few as especially worthy. The current number contains an essay on "Competitive Examinations in the Civil Service," and a criticism on Tennyson's Harold, which we read with pleasure. We wish the *Lit.* the success it deserves, and may its period of existence be a long and happy one.

The *College Argus* is a representative of what we should imagine must be one of those

"Model Methodist Boarding-Schools," which we have heretofore noticed in our editorial columns. From the articles of the aforesaid paper, we form the opinion, that the editorial board consists of the clerical members of the Faculty, as a "power behind the throne," with a poor sickly band of youths taking all the blame, but, we fear, very little praise. If our suspicions are erroneous, we would be glad to have our neighbor set us right. "Women Preachers and the Regular Ministry" is the title of one of the articles. They must have a peculiar way of computing the rank of a student down there, from what the "organ" says.

The *Princetonian* has one fatal drawback, and that is its habit of getting into a petty squabble with some other paper, and keeping up a ceaseless war of words with the unfortunate periodical which has incurred its displeasure. There is one comfort, that all its sarcasm does not seem to wither an enemy, but rather to give it fresh strength, and to embolden it to new contests of skill.

The last to fall under the editorial wrath is the *Yale Courant*. Judging from our knowledge of the parties, we imagine that our friend of Yale will not come out second best. Apart from this unfortunate habit, we think the *Princetonian* a very able and well-appearing paper.

The *Yale Literary Magazine* has built up such a reputation for itself, by its careful management, that it would be well nigh useless for us to criticise it adversely, even were we so disposed, and we confess we are not. The February number is not a whit behind its predecessors. And although it confines itself almost entirely to a literary field, it does not publish long, dry, and uninteresting articles, for which such publications are famous. The articles are lively and well written, the criticisms excellent, and the editorials able. We would like to thank the editors for their gratuitous, though none the less valuable, advice, which we promise duly to con-

sider and make a report on at some future time, though we think, in fact we are very confident, that matters could be settled fully as well without it. The criticism of our editorial upon absences is very good, and we congratulate the editor upon the masterly manner in which he has contrived to mistake the point at issue, in order to bring his really excellent powers of sarcasm into full play. We can assure him that the article was a great source of amusement to us.

We copy the following from the *Lit.*, and think it is one of the best things of its kind that we have seen in some time. It occurs at the end of a rather sarcastic editorial on our "Half Mark System."

Form of excuse for absence: "Absent from religious exercises on Sunday, Feb. 25th, 1877. Was in splendid physical and mental health, and feeling no need of a physician, as far as morals go, and had some scruples about taking the ordinary pulpit opiate. Please excuse, and take into careful consideration the fact that I was never sick a day in my life." If our space was sufficient we would like to copy the whole of this editorial, but we must forbear.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

Can a student on his way to see his girl be said to have *pressing* business?—*Ex.*

A Junior, a while ago, spent three days in trying to translate "Barbara Celarent," &c. *Ex.*

Editing a paper is like carrying an umbrella on a windy day. Everybody thinks he could manage it better than the one who has hold of the handle.—*Ex.*

Recitation in Linguistics. Prof., discoursing on the peculiarities of nomenclature, remarks to the bashful C——, "Now, Mr. C——, imagine yourself the father of a child!" Total collapse of C——.—*Yale Record.*

Recitation in Astronomy. Prof.—"At a certain time of the year the earth is between

the Sun and Jupiter; where will it be six months later?" Junior.—"On the other side of Jupiter."—*Ex.*

Self-conscious Junior, who has been laboring assiduously for an hour to make an "impression" on a recent acquaintance, wilts when the victim of his attacks innocently asks; "Are you a Freshman?"—*Qui Vive.*

Senioress (translating)—"Wir sind von keinem Mannesherzen sicher"—"We are sure of every man's heart." Prof.—"Not correct; try again." Senioress—"We are safe in every man's heart." Prof.—"Hardly." Senioress (blushing)—"We are sure of no man's heart." Prof.—"Correct."—*Ex.*

Scene in Mechanics: Festive Junior puts his pedal extremities on the seat in front of him. Instructor, *log.*—"Mr. Z——, if it would not be inconveniencing you too much, I would like to be able to see the gentleman in the back part of the room."—*Berkeleyan.*

"Ma, does pa kiss the cat?" "Why, no, my son. What in the name of goodness put that into your head?" "Cos, when pa came down stairs this morning he kissed Sarah in the hall-way, and said: 'That's better than kissing the old cat up stairs, ain't it, Sarah?'"—*College Record.*

The following good story is told of a young society gentleman, who graduated from old Harvard: On the examination in physics he was asked: "Mr. —, what planets were known to the ancients?" "Well, sir," he responded, "there were Venus and Jupiter, and"—after a pause—"I think the *earth*, but I'm not quite certain." He can't yet comprehend what it was the class laughed about just at that time.—*Ex.*

A lively pupil at a seminary asked the preceptress for permission to drive out with a gentleman. "You know the regulations of the institution," was the answer. "Is he your father?" "No." "Is he your brother?" "No." "Are you engaged to him?" "No; but I expect to be before I get back." That answer carried the day.—*Ex.*